

LOS ANGELES ORDERED TO INTEGRATE

Questioning Shakes Testimony Of NAACP's Expert Witness



DR. WILBUR BROOKOVER
He couldn't remember

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KALAMAZOO — An NAACP contention that Benton Harbor discriminates in education was shaken Wednesday in U.S. District court.

Defense Atty. Robert Small and Judge W. Wallace Kent upset testimony by Dr. Wilbur B. Brookover, an expert witness for the NAACP in its lawsuit against the Benton Harbor school district.

Dr. Brookover had testified the educational system doesn't

give a fair deal to black youngsters. This was based on his professional experience and analysis of data from the Benton Harbor district.

He said black and white children start school at about the same level, but after the third grade white youngsters start to pull away and the gap progressively widens.

Under a cross examination, Brookover couldn't recall the source of data indicating equality at the first grade level.

Judge Kent also hit at his

contention that non-learners should be carried through the school system even though they don't comprehend subjects.

CAN PRODUCE REACTION

Dr. Brookover, professor of sociology and education at Michigan State, said continued exposure can produce a learning reaction at most any age. This exposure and association with other students should continue through college.

Judge Kent traced the route of a non-learner through elementary, high school and col-

lege, then snapped: "And, ultimately, I suppose you'll make an educator out of him."

Brookover insisted that children learn through association with other students and it doesn't harm bright pupils to be mixed with the dull. He said there should be no division on the basis of academic achievement.

In suing to end segregation in the district, the NAACP contends that black youngsters are locked into low academic tracks from which they can't escape.

Judge Kent wondered what the bright youngster does after completing an assignment in 10 minutes while others may take an hour. Brookover replied he should be part of the teaching situation by helping slow students.

STUDENT HOMEWORK

Progress can be accelerated by giving slow learners special materials and homework. Again, Judge Kent wondered what the fast learner would be doing. The bright student also

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U.S. JUDGE KENT
He wanted to know

Must Bus 240,000 Students

Schools Say It Means Financial Ruin

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Attorneys for the city school system, second largest in the nation, say they will ask the California Court of Appeal to overturn a judge's order that all schools be fully integrated by September 1971.

School Supt. Robert E. Kelly said the order Wednesday by Superior Court Judge Alfred Gitelson would have "disastrous economic effects."

The 711-square-mile district has more than 653,000 pupils in 583 elementary and secondary schools, second in size only to New York City. Kelly said implementation of Gitelson's ruling would require busing of more than 240,000 youngsters—many over long distances.

\$40 MILLION COST

He estimated the cost at \$40 million the first year and \$20 million each year thereafter.

The superintendent said \$26 million has been slashed from school programs this year and to continue operations next year another cut of \$34 million to \$54 million appeared unavoidable because of failure of bond issue proposals and cutbacks in state allocations.

"To take another \$40 million out of anticipated revenue to initiate a mass busing program would mean a virtual destruction of the district," Kelly declared.

The 103-page Gitelson ruling came in response to a suit filed in 1963 by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) on behalf of a number of Caucasian and Negro pupils.

The district was ordered to submit a master plan for integration by June 1 and to get it started by next September. Full integration must take place by September 1971, the court said.

Gitelson directed that the integration plan distribute students in such a manner that no one school would have more than 50 per cent or less than 10 per cent minority students.

The ACLU which was awarded \$60,000 from the school district in attorneys' fees, had argued:

"Minority students educated in segregated schools are placed in a 'cradle-to-grave track system' which insures that, as a result of the inferior education received by them in segregated schools, they will receive the worst of that which American society provides."

ESSENTIAL NEED
The court commented that an equal education in public schools is essential "to a meaningful life, to the preservation of

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U.S. Entering Blue Shield Probe

Cane Cutters Reach Canada

U.S. Youths Will Join Cuban Sugar Harvest

SAINT JOHN, N.B. (AP) — Hundreds of young Americans converged on New Brunswick's chief port today to board a Cuban freighter which will take them to cut sugar cane for Fidel Castro.

A spokesman, Bruce Jacobs of New York, said their purpose was "an act of solidarity with the Cuban revolution" and to

Anti-Strike Provision Ruled Out

Judge Decides For State Employees

DETROIT (AP) — State civil service employees have a right to strike, says a Wayne County judge who ruled Wednesday a section of state law was unconstitutional.

Circuit Court Judge Thomas Roumell said that present state law is in violation of the 1963 State Constitution, which prohibits legislators from making such labor laws for employees under state civil service.

However, the present no-strike law still applies to county, municipal and other public employees.

He ruled in a case brought by the Welfare Employees Union, composed of 300 social workers in the Wayne County Department of Social Services. They are considered state employees, STATE INTERFERED

The union contended the state had interfered with negotiations, when the state said last year it planned to reorganize wages, hours and working conditions of the employees.

The judge said that labor negotiations should be allowed between civil service workers and state agencies. However, the civil service workers still are not allowed to take a dispute to the State Labor Mediation Board.

The judge said, however, if the State Civil Service passed a no-strike rule, that it would have to be honored.

A spokesman for the Michigan attorney general's office said he did not know whether the state would appeal the ruling.

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BRUCE JACOBS
New Yorker is spokesman

protest "Yankee imperialism."

The ship, the Luis Marcos Bergnes, was returning 212 other young Americans who had been helping with the cane harvest since November. Port officials said the freighter had been riding out a storm in the Bay of Fundy and was expected to arrive during the afternoon.

FIRST BUS ARRIVES

The first busload of 43 youths crossed the Maine-New Brunswick border at 12:30 a.m. at St. Stephen, 85 miles west of Saint John. An estimated 600 young people from cities as far away as Seattle and San Francisco had assembled in Boston, and chartered buses carried them through Maine during the night.

Sugar is Cuba's major export crop, and Castro has proclaimed a goal of 10 million tons this year. But the harvest last year is believed to have totaled

less than 5 million tons, and Castro admitted in a speech Monday night the current harvest has run into trouble because of bad weather and delays in getting equipment to the fields.

Calling themselves the Venceremos—or We Shall Overcome—Brigade, the young people were openly admitting their destination after several days of claiming they were going to Saint John to ski. A spokesman in Boston said they had been afraid U.S. border officials would try to stop them.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said the U.S. government can do nothing about Americans traveling to Cuba since the Supreme Court ruled the right to travel cannot be restricted.

"The kids were all up tight," said Jacobs. "They were scared and made up some story about where they were going and why."

He said the youths had been instructed to tell Canadian immigration officials "the truth—their destination and the purpose of their trip."

NO DIFFICULTY

Canadian immigration officials said that as long as the

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Zollar Welcomes Battle

Agency's Contract Might Be Dropped By Michigan

As federal officials moved to find out why Medicaid administrative costs soared in Michigan last year, the state budget director announced plans to meet today with Blue Shield officials to discuss whether or not the state should drop its contract for administering the \$35-million Medicaid program.

State Senator Charles O. Zollar of Benton Harbor, in the Twin Cities for the Berrien county GOP's annual Lincoln Day dinner, revealed last night that the federal government had moved into the picture.

"I had a three-hour conference with officials from Washington today and they want our record on this matter for their files, and they informed me that their records are parallel with mine," Sen. Zollar said last night.

CHANGES LIKELY

Glenn S. Allen Jr., state budget director, said his meeting today with John C. McCabe, Blue Shield president, "could lead to a modification or a change in the contract."

Blue Shield, a private, non-profit agency, is under fire from some lawmakers (particularly Zollar) and the Social Services department.

Zollar has charged that Blue Shield is overcharging the state for its administration of the program and that doctors are making fraudulent claims under the program, which provides medical aid for low-income people.

Zollar, the state Senate appropriations chairman, called for a complete audit of Blue Shield's Medicaid records Tuesday, and said in a press conference then that the state should renegotiate its contract with the agency.

Zollar reported Tuesday that Medicaid payments increased 12.5 per cent last year over 1968 — while Blue Shield administrative costs billed to the state went up 42.3 per cent in the same period. "We want to find out why," the senator told newsmen.

WELCOMES FIGHT

When asked last night if he felt the situation would develop into a fight between himself and Blue Shield officials, Zollar said, "I certainly welcome the fight if that's what we want to

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SPACE SQUAD: These five mesh-clad men may appear to be a squad of mailed warriors of the future but actually they are telephone linemen. They are clad in aluminum mesh for protection against possible radiation while working on microwave radio towers across the nation. The bazooka-like tube they are carrying, is a section of tubing that carries radio signals from an antenna down a microwave tower to an amplifier in a building below. (AP Wirephoto)

First Arrest Fun-- Leads To Another

Delinquency Study Surprising

ANN ARBOR (AP) — A national study shows there is something about being caught by police that encourages teenagers to become more delinquent, reports a University of Michigan psychologist.

"We don't know why," said Dr. Martin Gold. "But whatever we are doing now in dealing with delinquent children, we must be doing wrong."

He said a national survey and

another study on Flint, Mich., demonstrated that a significant number of youths arrested for law violations are more likely to repeat the actions than those that commit the same offenses but are not caught.

YOUTHS INTERVIEWED

Some 847 interviews were conducted in the national study and 522 interviews were made in Flint among all types of youths between the ages of 13 and 16.

Grants from the National Institute of Mental Health were used for the studies.

Gold defined delinquent behavior as any violation of the law, from drinking beer underage to committing felonies.

Gold, a psychology professor and a research scientist at the U-M Institute for Social Research, said other generalized findings from the studies included:

—The relationship between delinquency and social class, slum residency and race have been exaggerated and are only slight. He said "We find no difference in delinquency by race if you eliminate socio-economic conditions."

—Rural girls seem less delinquent than suburban girls, but with boys, there doesn't seem to be much difference.

—Much delinquent behavior is due to adolescent's finding themselves unable to live up to expectations in school, at home and among their friends.

—Delinquent behavior is a means to achieve status among certain teenagers, particularly those with similar problems.

—Black youths are more likely to be caught by police than white youths for the same violation. Gold said it was perhaps because police watch the black

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Parents Of War Victim Get Medal

Grand Beach GI Dies In September

GRAND BEACH — Mr. and Mrs. Joe Baker of Grand Beach have received the Navy Commendation medal posthumously for their son, Lance Corporal Bobby Gene Baker, who was killed in Vietnam last September.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker were presented the medal last Friday in ceremonies at Memorial hospital in Michigan City, Ind., where Baker is a patient. The



CPL. BOBBY BAKER

presentation was made by Marine First Lieutenant Earl E. Hummer of the Sixth Engineer Battalion of South Bend.

Marine Cpl. Baker, 20, died Sept. 12, 1969, from wounds he received in a truck explosion caused by enemy fire in Vietnam.

Pollution Fight Getting Costly

DETROIT (AP) — Preliminary cost estimates indicate the type of exhaust system needed for 1975 federal anti-pollution goals may boost a car's retail cost by \$200 to \$300, a Chrysler Corp. engineer says.

Bad Results Would Cost Schools Money

FLINT (AP) — State Board of Education Treasurer James F. O'Neil has proposed that state school aid be cut to districts with high rates of dropouts and absenteeism.

The Livonia Republican, who calls his plan "educational accountability," said districts would have to show reductions in the dropout and truancy rates in order to get their full state aid.

"We're only kidding ourselves if we believe we are providing equal educational opportunities

when youths aren't even in the classrooms," O'Neil said.

O'Neil made the proposal in a letter to Gov. William Milliken. O'Neil Wednesday also counted his chances for the Republican nomination to challenge U.S. Sen. Philip Hart in November.

He said he believed the nominee probably would be Lenore Romney, wife of former Gov. George Romney because she would "have the advantage of the Romney name but wouldn't have to defend the Romney record."



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The Medical Cost
News Leaves
Everyone Dissatisfied

Today's Letters To Ye Ed includes a communication from Dr. John E. Doolittle, of Niles, roasting us and the entire news media for what he feels is distorted reporting of the medicare and medicaid reimbursement plan.

Having someone tee off at us for news handling is a daily experience. Either we don't give some outfit or event a big enough play, or we're over emphasizing something else.

Considering that the cost of being sick has become a widely discussed subject and that the expense of Uncle Sam's first experience in semisocialized medicine and hospitalization is being questioned, it is not surprising to receive this reaction from Dr. Doolittle.

His Letter divides into four major criticisms which can stand analysis.

No. 1. The medicare and medicaid payments are not clear money to the receiving physician.

This is true. It takes money to run an office just as it does a store or a factory. We agree with his implication that most people have a highly exaggerated conception of a doctor's net income, but the example he cites does not prove his point.

The illustration is a \$40,000 reimbursement, from which \$13,000 should be deducted in office expense. Dr. Doolittle says the \$27,000 net puts this hypothetical physician in the 50 per cent IRS bracket.

Our auditor computes the tax at \$6,543, on the 10 per cent surtax base, assuming this is solely a joint return based on the standard deduction formula in the 1040 work sheets. The bite is 26.4 per cent or about half that asserted in the Letter.

Admittedly, his hypothetical doctor would hit the 50 per cent bracket if he had sufficient income beyond that medicare reimbursement.

Consequently, this comment could be a technical reply to a technically stated problem.

No. 2. That industrial wages now being paid and being sought under upcoming labor contract negotiations are inflation's best friend.

This is true. Each Administration from Eisenhower up to the present time has urged restraint in contract settlements and every editor in the business, except those on union newspapers, has repeatedly called attention to the bargaining teams paying only lip service to those White House entreaties.

The doctor, though, errs in saying the news media has downplayed those stories and overplayed the medicare-medicaid proposition.

Further, he glosses over the fact that medical and hospitalization charges have risen much faster than any other feature in the total economy. Unfortunately, this is a continuing trend.

Factoring this development into the statistics contributes noticeably to the cost of living index.

No. 3. That the politicians set the medicare-medicaid fees to begin with and created the cumbersome bureaucratic system to administer the program.

This is correct in that Congress wrote the basic legislation along the designs sketched by former President Johnson and the HEW bureaucrats divided the red tape covering a patient's admission to the doctor's office or the hospital and the eventual payment of those bills.

It was a botched job from the outset and the longer it goes in its present form the worse it is bound to become.

Dr. Doolittle goes on to say that the politicians are trying to slide their responsibilities on to the medics now that the facts reveal medicare-medicaid to be less than what the predictions first held for the system.

This is true up to the point. It's a trademark of politics and an ingrained trait in all human nature to shake responsibility when something goes wrong. We don't uphold the weakness, but merely acknowledge that which is incontestable and probably, incurable.

However, to imply that the politicians drafted the entire scheme and handed it to the doctors as an accomplished fact is wrong.

To soften the doctors' resistance to his program, LBJ made a deal with the AMA lobby to have Blue Shield (for the doctors) and Blue Cross (for the hospitals) administer the system on a fee basis.

The Blues, regardless of what their spokesmen may contend, are the financial front runners for the doctor-hospital complex in the U.S.

Johnson's deal for all practical purposes gave the Blues managerial control of medicare-medicaid.

It is that control which is stirring the current news ferment as to where the taxpayer supported medical-hospital program may be headed. Running that question to earth and, more importantly, correcting whatever may be erroneous, will, rightly or wrongly, spatter everyone connected to the system.

No. 4. That we and the news media at large are crucifying one segment, the doctors, in the medicare-medicaid dilemma.

We realize it would be impossible to convince Dr. Doolittle to the contrary.

Probably there is not a story printed which does not rub somebody the wrong way and it is futile for an editor to reply to the individual complaint that he gives the news as it comes along in the manner of letting the chips fall where they may.

Medicare-medicaid is no better nor any worse than most government programs touching a wide variety of human wants or requirements. They are political solutions to problems best left to minds more expert than those filling the prescription. Because ours is a democratic society, the expert normally is bypassed in favor of those having any conceivable interest in what may be evolved.

As already mentioned, the medical profession had a visible hand in framing the health care plan for the aged and the indigent, and through the Blues, exerts a controlling voice in its administration.

The same applies to the hospitals, the nursing homes, and the drugstores.

Down the line from them, anybody earning a livelihood in health care indirectly exerts a controlling influence.

Health care is a hefty chunk in the average family budget today and is escalating much faster than the budget's standard sections on food, clothing and shelter.

Dr. Doolittle is right in saying some Washington voices are slapping it to the medics for vote catching in the November elections.

The best and the only answer to his charge is that this will always be us. Depicting a goat is a standard campaign tactic.

The present complaint, though, runs deeper than the next election.

Medicare-medicaid, as currently operated, is a danger snowballing downhill.

Unless the system is corrected, its eventual explosion because of its inherent weakness will lead to a plan even worse than that which can be salvaged.

Winter resort operators say some of their guests who fled the snows of the North are unhappy because there is no snow.

Newsworthy?



GLANCING BACKWARDS

SJ HOUSING IS ASSIGNED

—1 Year Ago—
All of the apartments in Lake View Terrace have been assigned to senior citizens. Mrs. Marilyn Mead, administrative assistant, told the St. Joseph housing commission yesterday. The building at State and Port street, St. Joseph, is expected to open about April 1. Members of the commission took a brief tour of the facility following their business meeting yesterday.

NIXON WILL VISIT MICH.

—10 Years Ago—
Vice President Richard M. Nixon will crowd three speeches, two receptions and an hour-long news conference into a busy one-day visit to Detroit. He will be accompanied by his wife, Pat, who will attend morning meetings with the vice president before she strikes out on her own for a luncheon and a reception at Kimball High school in Royal Oak.

NAZI SCREAM AT DECISIONS

—25 Years Ago—
Nazi radios poured out a strong blast today to the German people against the Big Three agreements, terming it "the hate-program of Yalta" and "a crime on mankind and humanity." The first home consumption reaction to the Crimean plan—which Berlin blamed directly on "the Jew, the wandering Jew"—was withheld until long after most Germans had gone to work this morning. Once started, however, the DNB home service pulled out all stops.

ESTABLISH PARK

—15 Years Ago—
Establishment of a state park in Berrien county is favored by the state conservation department, according to a letter received by John G. Cox, secretary of the St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce, from P. J. Hoofmaster, director of the conservation department.

SELLS INTEREST

—55 Years Ago—
George M. Baitinger, senior member of the undertaking firm of Baitinger and Dormer, has sold his interest to Louis Kerlikowske of Lincoln avenue. Mr. Kerlikowske is a native son of this community and the new firm will be known as Dormer and Kerlikowske.

SLEIGH RIDE

—55 Years Ago—
The class of boys taught by Harold M. McConnell of St. Paul's Episcopal church was entertained at a sleigh ride and drove about the city in spite of the blizzard, ending at the parish hall, where Mrs. C. E. Burchfield served supper and there was dancing.

CUTTING ICE

—10 Years Ago—
Luckier brothers will set a force of men at work cutting ice, which is now about four inches thick on the bayous above the bridge and of fine quality.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor, The Herald-Press:

MEDICARE IS NOT ALL GRAY FOR THE MEDICS

The shocking headlines of 2-9-70 included the story about the highest single payment to "a doctor" via Medicare provisions. The identical story appeared in all local papers and was quoted using identical figures by the TV newscasters. The payment of \$203,000 was made to the Detroit physician, who shared it with "three other doctors and a cardiologist". Now all the journalists realize that this is in fact a payment to five physicians, yet not a single editor or reporter could face facts and unravel such a juicy sounding yarn.

Let's look at that \$40,000 per doctor.

The figure quoted does not represent net income to the doctor and his family. He must pay his nurses, secretaries, domestic help and pay such things as office rent and insurance. If he is the average American physician, this overhead takes off the first 35 percent of the fees collected. This leaves approximately \$27,000 of which nearly 50 percent goes to Uncle Sam as income tax. Physicians don't have tax loopholes like oilmen and industrialists, consequently they pay what most people would call their fair share.

This leaves a net income, the stuff that you buy cars and groceries with, of approximately \$13,500, and that represents a work week of almost double what the average laborer puts in.

A few weeks ago the radio networks mentioned that one of the major labor unions in Detroit was bargaining for an across the board increase in wages of 50 percent during the next 36 months, which would bring the annual income of the laborers to nearly \$13,000. The newspapers did not make headlines of this announcement and none of our loyal politicians took the stump to point out that this was the most inflationary of all recently announced fiscal policies. Not one politician!

It's time for you, the editors, to stop playing the role of pawns in a very dangerous game, that could be described as making political hay for some of our Congressional leaders, who, lacking a real platform, and faced with an almost disastrous debt from the last election, are groping for headlines which can be easily translated into votes. Politicians come and go, but

illness is here to stay. Most doctors are putting in long, tedious hours and are doing so because they want to help people back to health. If they see a large number of senior citizens, and their secretaries fill out all the red-tape required by law, the government pays them for obeying that law.

The doctors did not create the fee scale paid by Medicare, the politicians did. In the recent flurry of misleading headlines, the people seem to be told that doctors must either: (1.) stop seeing so many sick people; (2.) stop filling out the insurance forms on treated patients; or (3.) fill out the forms, but return all the money back to the government.

Now do you, as intelligent members of our society, really feel that you have done your best in reporting the news to your fellow man? Or is it possible that some American journalists are deeply entrenched in creating news?

JOHN E. DOOLITTLE, M.D., Niles

(Ed. note: The reader is invited to see today's editorial reply).

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

One of the luckiest breaks this nation ever got happened just 161 years ago today. That was Feb. 12, 1809 — the day that Abraham Lincoln was born. So celebrate!

Mini-skirts, we read, may soon give way to midi-skirts. That should make the younger set do a bit of hemming and hawing!

Middle age creeps up on you, declared a pundit. Not only that but it gives too many of us the creeps, too!

We've just learned that Mrs. James Baird, the widow of a Scotsman credited with inventing television, is living in retirement in South Africa which has no TV service. Gosh! That's hard to picture!

Maybe with Mrs. Baird it's just a case of she never having liked football, anyhow!

Watermelon is said to have medicinal value — Factograph item. That's a pretty big pill—but, somehow we don't mind.

Editor, The Herald-Press:

A WORD TO THE HOME BOYS

This poem was made up by a buddy of our son in Viet Nam. He sent it home to us. We thought it would be nice to put it in the paper for all to enjoy. Our son is Victor Springer, SP/4.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Springer, Lakeside.

A SOLDIER'S VIEW

Take a man and put him alone, Put him 12,000 miles away from home. Empty his heart of all blood, Make him live in sweat and mud.

Take a man and put him alone, Put him 12,000 miles away from home. Empty his heart of all blood, Make him live in sweat and mud.

This is the life I have to live, And my soul to the devil I give. You peace boys want from your easy chair, But you don't know what its like over here.

You have a ball without even trying, While over here the boys are dying. You burn your draft cards and march at dawn, Plant you signs on the White House lawn.

You all want to ban the bomb, There's no real war in Viet Nam. Use your drugs and have your fun, And then refuse to use your gun.

There's nothing else for you to do, And I'm suppose to die for you. I'll hate you till the day I die, You made me hear my buddy cry.

I saw his arm a bloody shroud, I heard them say this one is dead. It's a large price he had to pay, Not to live another day.

He had the guts to fight and die, He paid the price, but what did he buy? He bought your life by giving his.

But who gives a damn what a soldier gives, His parents and wife and maybe his son, But that's about all.

DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Our neighbors have just told us that their infant son needs an operation to relieve an obstruction of his stomach. I have been trying to tell them that this is no possible, and that they should seek a consultation. Is such a condition really possible?

Mrs. T. C. S., Ohio

Dear Mrs. S.: This is not meant to be a chastisement for offering your kind and solicitous advice to your friends and neighbors. I am sure that you are motivated to do so by a real desire to help them during a period of distress. However, within the framework of your kindness, I am sure that you added unnecessary confusion to their concern.

It has been said that everyone has two businesses, their own and show business. To paraphrase this, I, as a physician, believe that everyone has a third business, namely, a part time medical and psychological advisor. Permit me to tell you that the chances are great that untrained medical advice is always hazardous. Such medical direction must come only from the doctor who is equipped to give it.

You can be certain that the doctor who has been treating the child came to his conclusion after intensive examination. It does happen that a child is occasionally born with a condition known as pyloric stenosis. A strange enlargement of a muscle in the intestinal wall tends to obstruct the passage of food as it leaves the stomach and goes into the small intestine.

Surgery for this condition is performed with great skill and with excellent anesthesia. The operation takes only a few minutes after the abdomen is opened, and within forty-eight hours the child is well on his feet.

way to recovery without any further trace of intestinal obstruction. It is interesting that this condition seems to occur three times more often in infant boys than girls. Rarely if ever is there any after-effect, and there is no impairment to growth or health in later life.

I was feeding squirrels in Central Park. One of them, in his hurry to take a peanut out of my hand, bit my finger and made it bleed. What is the danger of contracting rabies this way?

Mrs. M. G., New York
Dear Mrs. G.: I want my readers to know that this was not a letter but rather a telephone call made to me when you were in a state of panic about it. I feel that my readers might be interested to know that it came as a great surprise to me that not a single case of rabies due to a squirrel bite was recorded during the past three years.

I had called the Public Health Service and the Board of Health and was gratified to learn that, contrary to general knowledge, squirrels are not active carriers of rabies. These statistics were given to me in New York City.

However, I want to emphasize that any bite by dogs, squirrels, cats, foxes, raccoons and other animals must not be casually overlooked. If the Board of Health gives clearance, then you can rest comfortably and with a feeling of safety. Do not, however, come to this conclusion without the doctor's or the public health officials' very definite advice.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Compulsive gambling can destroy a family. It needs expert psychological advice.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q 10 9 3
♥ 10 9 8
♦ 9 8 7 6
♠ 8 3

WEST
♦ J 7 6 5
♥ 7 4
♦ A Q 10 4
♠ J 10 2

EAST
♦ K
♥ K J 5 2
♦ K J 5 3 2
♠ 9 6 5

SOUTH
♦ A 8 4 2
♥ A Q 6 3
♦ A K Q 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♣ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

A reader wants to know what went wrong with the bidding in this hand. She was South and opened with a club, which everyone passed.

West led a heart and she won East's king with the ace. After drawing trumps, South cashed the ace of spades, felling East's king.

A spade to the nine permitted her to lead the ten of hearts and finesse when East followed low. Another heart lead trapped the jack, and she later took a second spade finesse that succeeded.

So the outcome was that

South, having bid on club, made the contract with six overtricks! Undoubtedly the lady has a gripe of some kind. To play at one club and make a grand slam is hardly a result likely to appeal to the feminine mind.

But I'm afraid there's nothing I can offer the lady except my deepest sympathy. The opening club bid was normal, and so was North's pass. Playing standard methods, the South hand simply does not justify a forcing two bid.

Of course, making seven was exceedingly lucky. The clubs were divided 3-3, the spade situation was absolutely perfect, and East had the K-J of hearts. Certainly the lady should not change her system just because she failed to get to a slam.

The failure to reach four spades is more regrettable, for this contract would come home most of the time and, given a choice, it is where North-South should want to be.

Of course, there are bidding systems that would get you to four spades, but you can't judge the merit of a system by a single incident.

The fact is that choosing a bidding system is something like choosing a spouse. You make your selection because you think it will prove best in the long run, but you shouldn't expect to get perfect results all the time.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

A tourist, driving through a college campus, approached the area where the class in logic was holding an outdoor session under the guidance of a distinguished, old professor. Suddenly, the tourist stopped short before a pile of stones with a light atop it. "What's that light here?" yelled the tourist.

"To keep fellows like you from plowing into the stones," the professor yelled back.

"Well, what are the stones for?" persisted the tourist. "That should be obvious," announced the professor, turning to his students for approval. "The stones are there to put the light on."

QUICKIES:
A maker of eyeglasses has just moved his shop to an island

off Alaska, and is now known as an optical Aleutian.

A happy vacationer, fresh out of ready cash, sent a check to a bank where he already was overdrawn with this accompanying note: "Having wonderful time. Wish you would clear."

Factograph
Some dialects spoken in Assam, India, are used by as few as a dozen people.

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Threats Preceded BH Fire

South Haven Man Accused Of Torching Home

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

A South Havenite accused of torching all three ground-floor exits of a Benton Harbor family's home last summer threatened the lives of the family shortly before the fire, according to testimony Wednesday in Berrien circuit court.

Eliga Davis, 49, is accused by Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor of arson in the doorway fires at the Andrew Cohn home, 421 Washington street, in the early hours of June 14, 1969.

CHILDREN INSIDE
Damage was slight and no one was injured though the home was occupied by Cohn, eight or perhaps nine children and a friend of the family, according to testimony in Judge Karl F. Zick's court.

Trial was recessed today for Lincoln's birthday but was to resume Friday morning with more prosecution witnesses. Defense Atty. William Brown of South Haven reserved his opening statement and will present it and his case later.

Chohn, his wife, Henrietta, and Mrs. Cohn's daughter by a previous marriage, Joyce Turner, 15, testified Wednesday of threats by Davis against Mrs. Cohn and the family.

Mrs. Cohn testified she had been seeing Davis but broke off the relationship. The day before the fires he threatened twice to kill her, she testified. Joyce testified Davis came to the Cohn home about 1:15 a.m. on June 14 seeking Mrs. Cohn, then threatened to kill Mrs. Cohn and "all of us."

Cohn himself testified that a day or two after the fire Davis called to say "I didn't get you that time. I'll get you next time."

SMELLED GAS

Shortly after Davis left toward the rear of the Cohn house at 1:15 a.m. June 14 both Joyce and her stepfather smelled gas in the house. Sometime after this a neighbor alerted the Cohns their house was afire.

A state crime laboratory scientist, Donald S. Krupp, testified the fires were accelerated by either kerosene, gasoline or charcoal starter.

Admitted into evidence Wednesday were photographs of the house and charred wood.

Front Page, Back Page Don't Agree

Mortgage Money Available Here

Merle P. Durren, president of Benton Harbor's Peoples Savings Association, got a chuckle out of yesterday's edition of this newspaper.

On the front page was an Associated Press story telling that last autumn's elimination of Michigan's century-old seven per cent interest ceiling on home mortgages has not made loans any easier to get.

On the back page was a Peoples Savings advertisement announcing that the association will increase its residential lending by \$1 million a month in Berrien county.

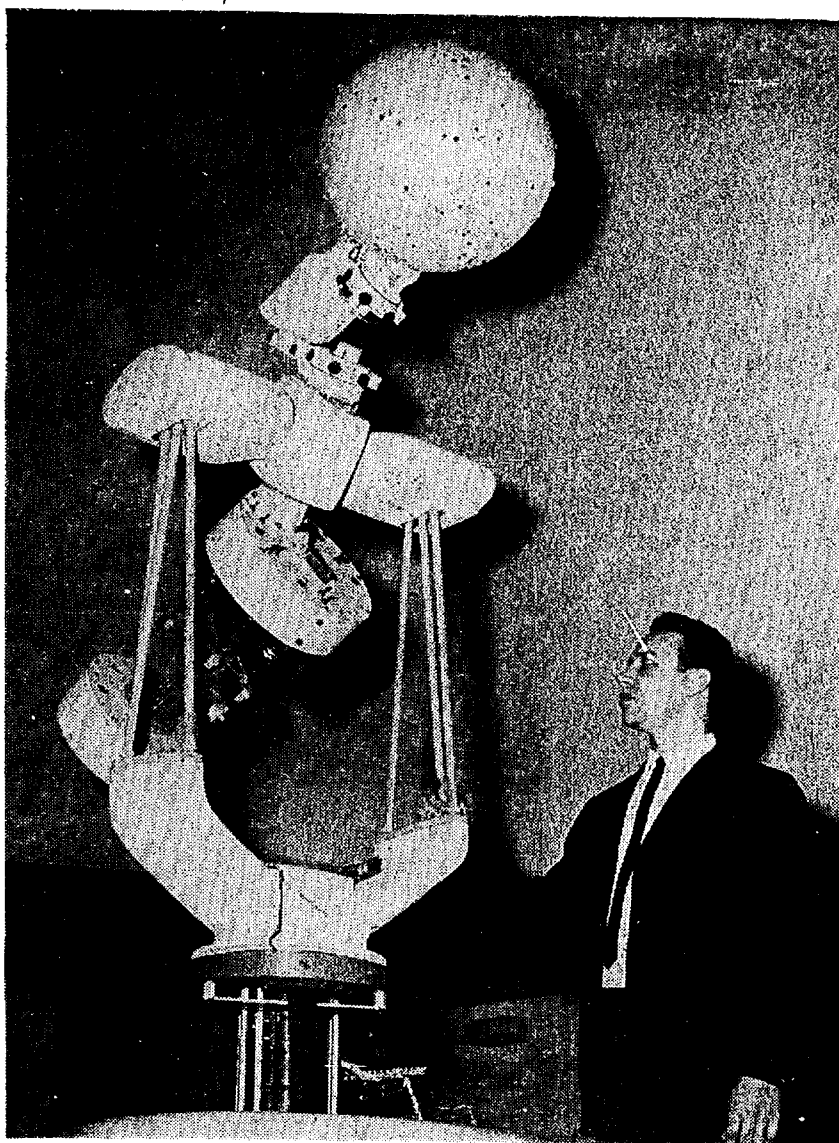
"There's no question," says Durren. "Elimination of the interest ceiling has helped us make more loans."

The AP survey, covering the entire state, said while mortgage interest rates had climbed to an average 8.19 per cent since last fall, lending institutions, in general, are not taking on an increased number of home mortgages.

A committee of the State House of Representatives thinks the Legislature may be able to change the 1969 bill that erased ceilings to be more effective in producing home loans.

FRACTURES HIP

THREE OAKS — Mrs. Howard Haman is a patient in the Pine Lake division of LaPorte Hospitals, Inc. in LaPorte, Ind., with a fractured hip. She sustained the fracture when she fell last week in Texas enroute home from a month's vacation in Green Valley, Ariz.



PLANETARIUM PROJECTOR: Planetarium that will be able to duplicate the planets and stars in the night sky any place on earth and at any time will be unveiled at Upton junior high school Friday during St. Joseph teachers conference. William Bingham, Upton science teacher, shows sophisticated projector that recreates sky display on domed roof. (Staff photo)

SJ Teachers To Gaze At The Stars Friday

In-Service Training Planned

St. Joseph public school teachers will explore the heavens and 21st century education techniques while giving their charges a Friday - the 13th treat - no school.

Another in a series of in-service conferences will be held for the 220 teachers, kindergarten through high school, at the new Upton junior high school. It will start at 8:30 a.m. and extend until 4 p.m.

TEACHER CONFERENCES
Teachers have set up a series of in-service conferences, some of them on their own time and a couple on school time.

Theme of the all-day session is "Space Education - 2000 A.D." Upton junior high school's \$50,000 planetarium will

SJ Twp. Woman Gets \$10,000

A Berrien circuit court jury deliberated about an hour and a half Wednesday before awarding \$10,000 to a St. Joseph township woman for a state highway department easement.

The award, to Mrs. Pauline Haase of Washington avenue, gives the department room to relocate nearby power line poles to make way for a new I-94 interchange into St. Joseph.

The decision capped a two-day trial in the court of Judge Julian Hughes. The jury deliberated between high and low appraisals of damage of \$6,000 and \$21,000.

The parcel in question is some distance from Mrs. Haase's home but also is on Washington avenue. She was defended by Niles Atty. William White while the highway department's case was presented by Niles Atty. Mowitt Drew.

be unveiled during the program. Douglas E. Nichols, Brown school principal and chairman of the in-service conference, said David DeBruyn, curator of astronomy at the Grand Rapids public museum, will speak. "He will outline the educational and social implications of space technology during the next 30 years," Nichols said.

Morton Matson, planetarium director of Lansing Community college, will demonstrate the new planetarium projector. Joseph Chappel, director of a remedial reading clinic at Western Michigan university, will speak on reading skills and problems. He will be assisted by members of his staff.

Departmental meetings in the afternoon headed by high school and junior high school curriculum council members will go into a variety of problems and projects.

REALISM IS GOAL
A major purpose of the planetarium is to recreate a realistic star field. The projector, controlled by a computer, can duplicate the sky as viewed by student or scientist from anywhere on the globe and at any time.

The planetarium projector is installed, but some 60 reclining chairs which permit easy viewing of the planetarium ceiling still have to be placed.

William Bingham, science instructor at Upton junior high,

has been learning how to operate the projector. He is currently setting up a schedule to permit viewing by groups in the future.

The in-service day committee involved in the planning includes Nichols; Mary Wilhelm, principal of Gard school, and Willis Koonitz, principal of Upton junior high school.

Lack Of Mirror Costs Mayor \$18

Benton Harbor Mayor Wilbert F. Smith has paid a \$6 fine and \$12 in court costs on a traffic ticket issued to him by Benton Harbor police Jan. 24.

The ticket charged the mayor with not having a rear view mirror on the right side of his auto as required on his driver's license. Smith paid the fine in the Benton Harbor branch of the Fifth District court.

The ticket was issued following an auto accident in which the mayor's auto was struck in the rear by a truck on Main street in downtown Benton Harbor.

Mayor Smith said he had no knowledge that the restriction had been placed on his license. A spokesman for the license bureau said the mirror was required in some cases to help side vision.

Prosecutor Taylor Will Address Jaycees

Twin City Area Jaycees will hear Ronald Taylor, Berrien county prosecuting attorney, speak on "Young Men and Politics," at a meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 17. Jeff Vladic, Jaycees project chairman, said Taylor would speak at 7:30 p.m. in Memorial Hall, 415 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. The "M" or membership meeting is open to all young men between the ages of 21 and 35.

Michigan A Leader In Nation

But Problems Of Minorities Still Rampant

By ORVIN JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On the face of it, Michigan is a standout in the field of civil rights, says the chairman of the state civil rights commission. It spends more for civil rights, per capita, than any other state. It is the only state in the country with a civil rights commission created by constitution.

Julian Cook, Jr., last night noted the good aspects in a talk at Seeley-McCord in Benton Harbor but emphasized the bad. Chief among these, he indicated, is the backlog of 2,700 cases waiting for resolution.

TAKES LONG TIME

All the pluses in Michigan's favor, he said, do little to relieve the frustration of a man who files a complaint over alleged job discrimination and must wait a year and a half for resolution.

Cook is a practicing attorney in Pontiac. He was appointed to the state commission by former Gov. George Romney in 1968 and elected chairman of the group in March, 1969. Among other activities, he teaches constitutional law at the University of Detroit, serves as chairman of the continuing legal education committee of the Michigan State Bar association and is active in the NAACP and the Urban League. Last night's meeting was organized by the Twin Cities Area Council on Human Relations and the Human Resources Council.

Civil rights problems in the Twin Cities area are not unlike those around the state, said Cook. Such problems vary only in degree from community to community.

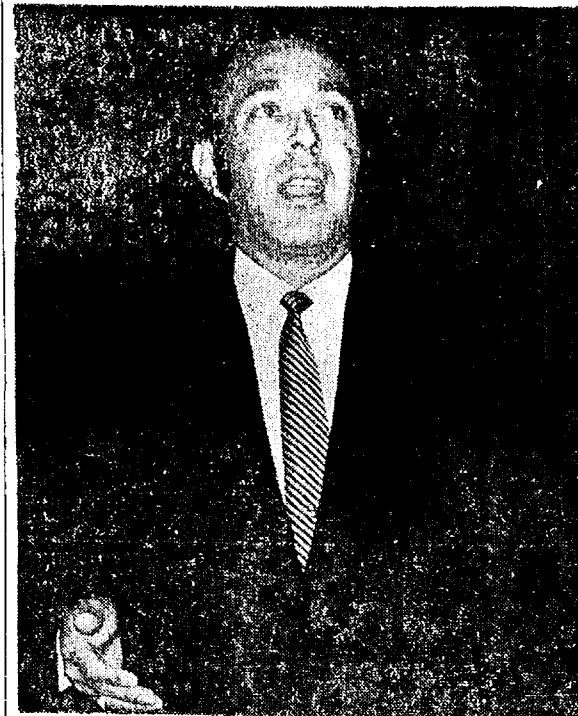
A total of 263 complaints have been filed with the local district office of the civil rights headed by Lawrence E. Crockett. Of those, 30 fell in the area of law enforcement and 161, in the area of job discrimination, the largest single source of discontent.

Cook enumerated problems facing the local community: Police - community relations. They are not so bad here as in his own community of Pontiac, Cook said, but that is not to say they are good, either. What is needed most is a grievance procedure for the disgruntled citizen to express himself and receive proper adjudication.

Housing. "As I ride through Benton township — with all due respect to those who live there — I am reminded of communities in South Carolina and Mississippi and Alabama," he said. In general, he said, the state fair housing act has brought about no drastic change. He urged persons in attendance to spread the word of the law's existence.

Education. Acknowledging such "plus factors" as the presence of a black on the Benton Harbor school board and the appointment of three black principals, he pointed to many shortcomings. Facilities are substandard, he said, and there are discrepancies in the education received by the blacks and whites. On graduation from high school, a black student is ill-prepared to meet the demands of our labor market.

Employment. While blacks are in evidence these days on television and in some positions of authority, gap between



PROBLEMS ARE THE SAME: Julian Cook, Jr., chairman of the Michigan Civil Rights commission, last night said Michigan has made progress in civil rights area but still has long way to go. Local problems are really no different from those of other communities in the state. He addressed meeting at Seeley McCord school in Benton Harbor. (Staff photo)

blacks and whites continues to grow.

Migrant workers. They face all the problems common to blacks with the added handicap of language.

Cook emphasized that civil rights concern everyone. The state commission investigates complaints concerning not only race but religion, age and sex as well. He suspects that discrimination on the grounds of sex in job opportunities will become a major source of complaints in the next few years.

In the wake of recent controversies over the commission's handling of complaints against various government agencies and industries, Cook emphasized the commission's legal obligation to receive all complaints. Any one wasting his time in objecting to this procedure, he charged, "simply does not know the law."

UNFAVORABLE MOOD
The general mood of the country now is unfavorable to

the civil rights movement.

There is a general feeling that the movement has gone far enough and it's time to stop pushing he said.

Maintaining that he intends to keep the commission free of political influence, Cook lamented that President Nixon's recent State of the Union address contained "not one word about race relations." In Michigan, too, there is a reaction against civil rights. Some 20 contractors recently marched to the governor to protest a commission recommendation on contracts amounting to \$14 million. They charged the commission is exceeding its power, he said, adding that, "Maybe we're striking paydirt when people start yelling."

Noting again the large backlog facing the commission, Cook said some cases can be settled easily and informally without a lengthy wait. And persons who do nothing about their grievances "fall into the big silent majority."

More Cash For Urban Renewal

BH Clears Extra Federal Grant Of \$628,445

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has approved an additional grant for the Benton Harbor Urban Renewal program that will boost the amount of federal funds for the program to a total of \$5,241,000, according to Congressman Edward Hutchinson.

This is an increase of \$628,445 over the original amount designated by HUD.

But Leslie R. Cripps, director of urban development, said it's about half of the increase requested for the Benton Harbor program.

With no details at hand, Cripps said he does not yet know the impact on the local program or what was cut from the request for added funds submitted a year ago.

A HUD announcement said the funds will allow Benton Harbor to proceed with land acquisition and project improvements leading to completion of the downtown project. Cripps said the project will be substantially complete within the next 24 months.



ELDERLY DRIVER KILLED: Car and truck (right) involved in fatal accident yesterday await removal by wreckers. Driver of the pickup truck, Brose P. Scott, 80, Route 2, Coloma, was killed when his truck collided with Kerlikowske and Coloma roads with car driven by Melvin L. Bailey, 28, of 465 West street, Coloma. (Staff photo)

Coloma Man Dies In Crash

Fatal Smashup Involves Car, Pickup Truck

Brose P. Scott, 80, of route 2, Coloma, was killed yesterday when his pickup collided with a car at Kerlikowske and Coloma roads, Hagar township, Berrien Sheriff's Lt. Irwin G. Davis reported.

Driver of the car, Melvin L. Bailey, 28, of 465 West street, Coloma, was admitted to Waterliet Community hospital with facial cuts and chest pains. He was in satisfactory condition today.

Lt. Davis said two witnesses reported the accident occurred when Scott made a left turn in front of the oncoming car driven by Bailey. Scott, whose home was on Kerlikowske road, was traveling west on Coloma road and started to turn onto Kerlikowske. Bailey was driving east on Coloma road.

A county medical examiner said the victim died of multiple internal injuries.

The accident was reported at 5:13 p.m.

The death is the third traffic fatality in Berrien county this year.

The body was taken to the Davidson funeral home in Coloma.

BORN IN COLOMA
Mr. Scott was born Feb. 6, 1890, in Coloma, the son of Cyrus Jerome and Delanie Lay Scott. He was a veteran of World War I. Mr. Scott was a member of the Coloma American Legion Post No. 362 and a former member of the gladious association.

Surviving are his widow, the former Ruth Meeker, whom he married May 24, 1924 in Custer, So. Dak.; a son, Jerome of Coloma; a daughter, Mrs. Elmer (Pauline) Decker of Hartford; and four grandchildren. Three brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete today at the Davidson funeral home, Coloma.



BROSE P. SCOTT

WEDNESDAY

Blue Bird Benefit Dance Set

The Blue Bird tavern, 1302 Territorial road, Benton township, will stage its 17th annual March of Dimes dance on Wednesday, Feb. 18, according to Albert Romeo, Sr.

Romeo, who inaugurated the benefit event in 1954, said over \$6,500 has been raised for the March of Dimes by these dances in past years.

Six bands will provide their musical services free for the dancing. They are Tall Timberjacks, Country Breed, Swing Masters, Country Cousins, Arvie Kiser band, and Strangers. The music will start at 8 p.m.

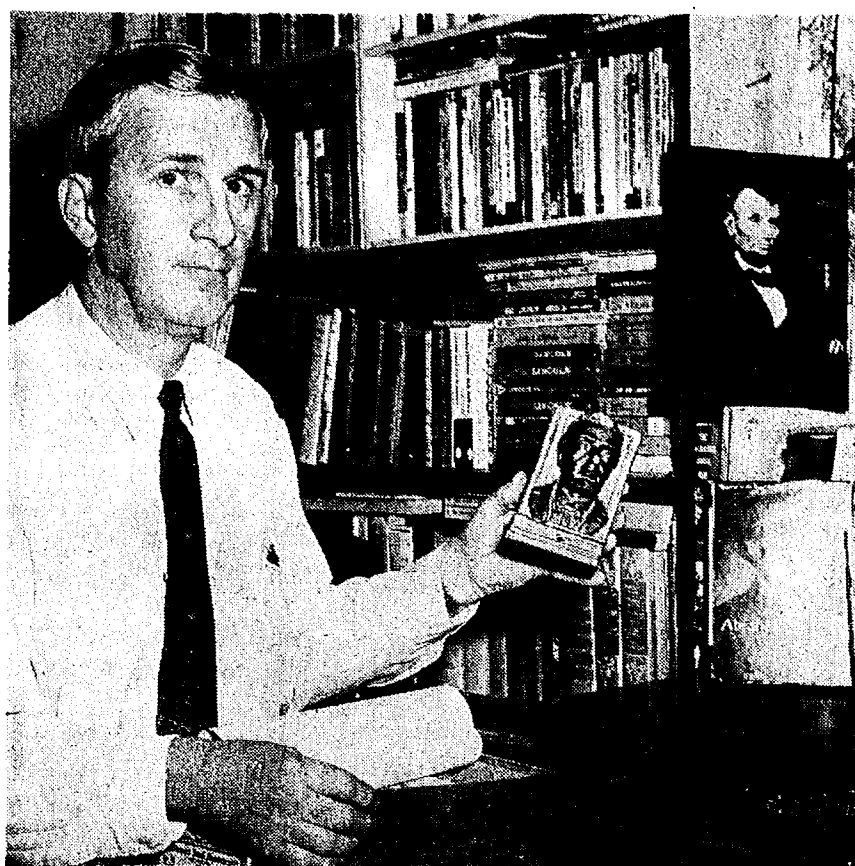
Master of ceremonies will be Ed O'Brien.

Meeting Saturday

INDIAN LAKE — The Silver Creek Farm Bureau will meet Saturday evening at 7:30 in the home of Mrs. Edward Pitchner.

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GOVERNOR CALLS FOR 'DIVERSITY' IN GOP



COLLECTION OF A NAMESAKE: Eugene Lincoln of Berrien Springs shows some samples of Abraham Lincoln lore he has collected over past 28 years. Lincoln said his interest began when he wondered if his family and Abraham Lincoln could be related. Lincoln said it appears there is no relationship, but his hobby has continued over the years. (Staff photo)

Berrien Springs Man's
Hobby Is Lincoln Lore

No Kin But Name's The Same

By RALPH LUTZ
Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Although he doesn't think there is any family relationship, Eugene Lincoln of 509 Krohn avenue is proud of his hobby as a collector of Abraham Lincoln lore.

Lincoln used the 161st birthday of the nation's 16th president to show some of his collection. It includes about 60 books and numerous newspaper clippings and photographs, collected over the past 28 years.

He said his hobby began in 1942 when he listened to the old radio program "We the People" and wondered if his family was related somewhere along the line to Abraham Lincoln.

Isaac R. Diller of Springfield, Ill., appeared on the radio program, recounting tales of boyhood play with Lincoln's children in Illinois.

PROBABLY NO KIN

Eugene Lincoln wrote to Diller and received a postcard in reply, along with the first of several magazine publications concerning the life of Lincoln. A check with the Lincoln National

Life Institute in Ft. Wayne, Ind., has since revealed that there is probably no family relationship.

However, Lincoln's father, Albert, was called "Abe," and he has a brother named Abraham, all of which bring the former president close to the local family.

The postcard from Diller started Eugene Lincoln on his hobby. He was 18 then and resided in Marion, Ind. Lincoln for 22 years was employed with Farm News, a state-wide farming publication there. He moved to Berrien Springs about 3½ years ago and now is employed by Andrews University Press.

Lincoln said his greatest interest in President Lincoln centers in the Civil war years. Lincoln's speeches are of particular interest to Lincoln.

"Some people find speeches dull. I find them interesting, because they can have something important to say."

Lincoln said he is interested in the war years, "as it affected him (Abraham Lincoln) and as he affected it." Lincoln recounted how the president, as a congressman in the 1840's was unpopular because of his opposition to the Mexican war.

Lincoln said he is one of some 5,000 persons directly interested in Lincoln lore. He explained the tremendous current popularity of Abraham Lincoln, as he sees it:

"I think he had some points about him that make him a folk hero. I think that he died at the right time."

Lincoln believed that had not President Lincoln been shot near the start of his second term April 13, 1865, he might have gone down as an unpopular president.

Political battles that evolved during the war's reconstruction years were cited as the reason by Eugene Lincoln who mused that President Lincoln might have been the one to be impeached. That fate fell to Lincoln's vice president and successor in office, Andrew Johnson. He was impeached by the Senate, but not removed from office.

WRITES ARTICLES

Eugene Lincoln said he has written several articles dealing with the president and visits historic places regarding Lincoln, but only when he happens to be near them.

One publication by Lincoln pinpoints what Eugene Lincoln terms "Five I's" that made

Lincoln Great." He lists human sympathy, humility, honesty, heavenly guidance and humor, with each characteristic followed by a Lincoln quote.

Another article involves a letter Lincoln received from a young girl just before being in office. He had no beard then and soon after the letter, grew his now famous beard. The girl reportedly had urged Lincoln to grow the beard, since he would look better with one.

Lincoln said he has no plan to increase his Lincoln lore hobby in any particular direction, but will continue to be interested and added to his collection as time permits.

Couple Gets
\$21,000
From I&M

The fourth of 12 right-of-way suits by Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. in north Berrien ended Wednesday in Berrien probate court with a \$21,000 award to a Hagar township farming couple.

The award lets I&M cross a farm on Kerlikowske road, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Leslie R. Schumli, with a 138,000-volt power transmission line and two 125 foot supporting towers.

A trio of commissioners in the court of Judge Ronald Lange brought in the verdict following three days of trial and about an hour and a half of deliberation.

Appraisers set low and high damages, between which commissioners had to choose, at \$6,790 and \$32,000. The Schumli land is fruit orchard and the power line will cross a lake there.

Pullman Firemen
Elect Officers

PULLMAN — The Pullman fire department elected officers at their last meeting. Re-elected were Melvin De Weerd, fire chief; Wayne Blanchard and T. C. Blanchard, assistant fire chiefs, and James McCracken, president of the Pullman Fire Department. Harry Larson was elected secretary.

Says Party
Must Open
Up To PoorAddresses 500
Republicans At
Lincoln DinnerBy ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

If the Republican party is going to play a major role in solving the nation's problems of the coming decade it will have to bury its separate interests and work together in pursuit of the goals shared by all.

Gov. William G. Milliken conveyed this thought last night as he spoke before approximately 500 persons attending the annual Berrien county GOP Lincoln Day dinner at the Hilton Inn, M-139 near I-94 interchange.

"We must restore to this party the diversity it had at its birth, to make it more than it is now or has been since its beginnings... a party which truly reflects the deep and abiding pluralism of American society," Gov. Milliken said.

"The plain fact is that if we as a party are going to solve the problems of the seventies, we must open our doors to admit more of those people who are experts in the problems."

"How can we know what we need to know about racism in America, unless we have far more blacks in the Republican party than we have now?" Gov. Milliken asked. "And how are we going to know more about the hopes and aspirations of the young and the problems of the poor, unless they are adequately represented in our party?"

MUST SEE NEARNESS

Milliken told his audience the GOP certainly had nothing to be ashamed of, but it must recognize its weaknesses so that in the coming decade the Republican party can be made strong enough to lead the nation in the solution of its problems.

"Certainly, the temptation to raise our voices individually and our party voice in shouts of outrage will be great," Gov. Milliken said. "The young will shout at the old, the rich at the poor, blacks at whites, farmers at city dwellers, and none of the shouting will solve anything — no hatred will end pollution; no violence will vanquish crime; no insults will abolish poverty."

Abraham Lincoln will be honored today throughout America and Gov. Milliken in closing reiterated the words Lincoln spoke in his second Inaugural Address on March 4, 1865:

"... With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widows and orphans; to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and a lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

In a press conference for local news media held prior to dinner, Gov. Milliken said he has not yet decided whether he'll run for Governor in the fall and would not indicate who he felt would be the GOP's candidate against U. S. Senator Philip Hart or who he would like to see run for lieutenant governor on the Republican ticket.

PLENTY OF CANDIDATES

"We have an abundance of qualified candidates in the party for both positions, but I do not want to single out any individual as yet," Gov. Milliken said.

On the parochial portion of his education bill, the governor indicated that he felt it has a better than 50-50 chance of passing and predicted final house action on the matter by the middle of next week.

On pollution of the lakes, Gov. Milliken declared he felt Michigan was a leader among states in developing a cooperative approach from a regional point of view and... "the problem will have to be attacked immediately, not 10 years from now."

Last night's attendance of approximately 500, was the largest turnout for any "Lincoln day" dinner ever held in Berrien county, according to Atty. Gen. "Mike" Jones, county GOP chairman.

Entertainment was provided by the "Madrigal Singers" of Benton Harbor high school who performed eight numbers, and the "Gettysburg Address" recited from memory by Eric Beuter, a Lakeshore high school junior.



GOP BRASS: Gov. William G. Milliken (center) is seen with 4th District U.S. Congressman Edward Hutchinson (left) of Fennville, and U.S. Marshal Marvin G. Washington, former Benton township resident, who now resides in Grand Rapids. Hutchinson and Washington were just two of many GOP federal, state and local officials on hand for county GOP Lincoln Day dinner last night at Hilton Inn, at which the Governor spoke. (Staff photo)

New Divorce Court
Arrangement Proposed

LANSING (AP)—A new State Department of Family Relations, to take over all court functions in the areas of divorce,

annulment, child custody and separate maintenance, would be created under a bill proposed by Rep. John Bennett, D-Redford. Bennett said his bill "sharply limits the role of attorneys in divorce cases because they are not trained to reconcile marriages in trouble, but rather they are interested in securing the divorce and collecting their fees."

MODERN APPROACH

"This bill is a modern approach to a serious problem in today's society and it sets sane guidelines of custody, visitation, alimony, support and property," Bennett said.

"It eliminates bitter and painful court battles over divorce, property settlement, child custody and child support."

Bennett said similar legislation is under consideration in Maine and other states.

The measure proposes the department be run by a six-member commission appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. The commissioners would come from the fields of sociology, either psychology or psychiatry, theology, education, marriage counseling and either accounting or budgeting.

Each county also would have a Department of Family Relations with directors representing the same fields as members of

the state commission.

ARBITRATION BOARDS

The county groups would act as boards of arbitration in family relations matters. The department and its local branches would have exclusive initial jurisdiction over divorce, annulment, custody and separate maintenance.

The Bennett Bill calls for a fact-finding, cooling-off period of normally 90 days and a reconciliation period of normally six months before a case goes into the divorce proceedings stage.

"This is a reasonable approach," Bennett said.

Gobles Attorney
Removed From
Intensive Care

GOBLES — William Clement, Gobles attorney, is reported in improved condition at Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, where he has been removed from the intensive care unit to a private room. The family said, however, that he still cannot receive visitors.

Clement suffered a heart attack Jan. 16 while at work in his office here. He is Gobles city attorney.

Bloom'dale
Grant Gets
PriorityProposed Sewage
Plant Placed
No. 11 On List

BLOOMINGDALE — Members of the Bloomingdale village council last night learned the village has been designated No. 11 out of 167 projects in order of priority for construction grants in Michigan for sewage treatment systems.

A letter was read last night from the construction grants administrator of the Water Resources Commission which said Bloomingdale has been assigned 25 points. It is necessary for a community to have 15 points to be near the top of the priority list for grants. The points are based on financial need and on water pollution control needs.

In October, the council formally filed an application for a \$80,130 grant with the WRC.

Bloomingdale has been ordered by the WRC to cease pollution of Haven, Melvin and Dickerson creeks by building a sewage treatment plant.

In other business, the council voted to purchase \$500 worth of stock certificates from the Bloomingdale Area Centennial committee. The stocks will be redeemable if the centennial should prove a profit.

Council members Stephen Dickerson, Robert Van Horn and Jim Petty were named the village's representatives to a meeting of the Van Buren County Planning commission on Feb. 25 in Bangor. The present status of the state recreational bond program and the latest procedures for submission of applications will be discussed.

The council voted to donate \$50 to Blossomingtime, Inc., to help support the 1970 festival.

Clerk Richard M. Dickerson was authorized to secure an auditing firm and set up books as required by the Michigan Department of Highways for the coming year.

Bills totaling \$1,404 were approved for payment.

Clark Credit
Union Notes
'69 Growth

BUCHANAN — Clark Credit Union Savings last year increased by 23 per cent over 1968 to a total of \$2,611,434. Vern Lubben, manager, reported this week during the annual meeting of the credit union held in Buchanan high school.

Lubben said assets rose to \$3,252,272, adding that the organization serving Clark Equipment Co. employees here and at Cassopolis and Dowagiac, has 3,054 members.

Frank Allen was elevated from vice president to president of the credit union. He reported that a 5½ per cent semi-annual dividend and a 10 per cent loan interest rebate were paid to members for 1969.

Other officers elected were: Harold Holmes, vice president; and Mary Ann Anderson, secretary. Lubben was re-elected treasurer - manager.

SJ HIGH

Three Night
Classes

Openings in three St. Joseph high school adult education courses were announced today and persons interested can still enroll without losing instruction time.

There are openings in blueprint reading for machine trades, taught Mondays by Fred Harsen; clothing construction (Bishop method) held Tuesdays and taught by Mrs. Carol Harju and advanced interior decorating conducted Thursdays by Mrs. Patricia Burr.

Interested persons can call Mrs. Virginia Watts at 983-7175 for information on the classes. Mrs. Watts said there are also a few openings in cake decorating, oil painting and shorthand and typing.

TUITION OKAYED
PETOSKEY (AP) — Officials of St. Francis Catholic School here have voted to charge tuition for the first time.



RECITALIST Dr. Willis Stevens, music department chairman at St. Mary's college, Notre Dame, Ind., will present a piano recital Sunday at 8 p.m. in Charles E. Weniger auditorium, Andrews University, Berrien Springs. He has taught piano and has a successful concert career.



AERIAL RESCUE: Kalamazoo Fire Department rescuers Wednesday turned a ladder truck into a crane to lower an injured Allied Paper Co. worker to the ground from a 50-foot tower. Clarence J. Bowers, 51, of rural Gobles, was checking a coal conveyor system supported by the tower when his foot was caught in a moving bucket. He suffered a severe fracture of the left leg and is listed in fair condition today at Bronson hospital. (AP Wirephoto)